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SUBJECT: LAWSUITS RESULTING FROM THY-DC-10 CRASH

1. CONGEN MACE HAS RECEIVED FROM STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA "PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL" LETTER DATED APRIL 29 DEALING WITH PENDING LAWSUITS RESULTING FROM THY-DC-10 CRASH LAST YEAR NEAR PARIS. LETTER IN FULL READS AS FOLLOWS:

A. QTE THIS OFFICE IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION OF THE CONDUCT OF CERTAIN CALIFORNIA ATTORNEYS WITH REFERENCE TO CERTAIN ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE STATE BAR ACT OF CALIFORNIA AND RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT.

B. ENCLOSED IS A COPY AND ROUGH TRANSLATION OF AN INTERVIEW THAT APPEARED IN ONE OF THE APRIL 1974, EDITIONS OF MILLIYET, A DAILY ISTANBUL NEWSPAPER. THE INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED BY ABDI IPEKCI OF THE NEWSPAPER'S STAFF. THIS OFFICE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF SOMEONE ON YOUR STAFF COULD CONTACT MR. IPEKCI AND OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. WHEN DID THE INTERVIEW OCCUR?
2. WHERE DID THE INTERVIEW TAKE PLACE?
3. WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE INTERVIEW?
4. AT WHOSE REQUEST WAS THE INTERVIEW GIVEN?
5. COPIES OF ANY NOTES THE REPORTER MAY HAVE TAKEN DURING THE INTERVIEW.
6. IF THERE WAS A TAPE RECORDING OF THE INTERVIEW, A COPY OF THE TAPE.

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7. A COPY OF THE EDITION OF THE NEWSPAPER, WHEREIN

THE INTERVIEW APPEARED.

8. ANY OTHER DETAILS OF THE INTERVIEW, THAT MAY BE RELEVANT FOR THE PURPOSES OF OUR INVESTIGATION.

C. IF THERE ARE ANY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THIS MATTER, PLEASE NOTIFY THIS OFFICE FOR REIMBURSEMENT.

D. OUR STATE BAR RULES OF PROCEDURE PROVIDE THAT ALL STATE BAR INVESTIGATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR BEARING IN MIND OUR RULE OF CONFIDENTIALITY IN CARRYING OUT THIS REQUEST. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

E. VERY TRULY YOURS, KENNETH KOCOUREK, STAFF ATTORNEY.

END QTE

2. REQUEST GUIDANCE SOONEST ON ACTION CONGEN SHOULD TAKE IN RESPONDING THIS REQUEST. FOR POLITICAL REASONS WE ARE RELUCTANT APPROACH IPEKCI, LEADING TURKISH JOURNALIST, AND IN ANY CASE WOULD BE MOST RELUCTANT TO ASK HIM FOR NOTES AND TAPES. UNLESS DEPT PERCEIVES OBJECTION PLAN RESPOND BY LETTER INDICATING WE ARE UNABLE CARRY OUT REQUESTED INVESTIGATION ON BEHALF STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA. MACE

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